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VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS IN DRINKING WATER SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some voluntary organizations are working in the area of providing safe drinking water to all;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to encourage voluntary organizations to work vigorously in providing drinking water to local communities; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to allow use of funds from the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme for this purpose and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) to (c) As per NRDWP guidelines, the role of voluntary organizations in rural drinking water schemes has not been envisaged. However, rural drinkinig water Supply being a state subject the State Governments are vested with powers to plan, approve and implement rural drinking water supply project under NRDWP and can engage voluntary organizations for providing drinking water to rural population in the country.

(d) As per Members of Parliament Local Area Development Schemes (MPLADS) guidelines issued by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, the objective of the scheme is to enable MPs to recommend works of developmental nature with emphasis on the creation of durable community assets based on the locally felt needs to be taken up in their Constituencies. Right from inception of the Scheme, durable assets of national priorities viz. drinking water, primary education, public health, sanitation and roads, etc. are being created.